

2019



ASTRO ADVOCACY DAY

Advocate Checklist

Before Advocacy Meeting:

- Brainstorm a compelling story that can be used to demonstrate impact of a certain policy
(2 weeks beforehand)
- Visit your policymaker's website
(2 weeks beforehand and again the day before the meeting)
- Review recent healthcare news
(1-2 days before)

During Advocacy Meeting

- Explain impact of policy issue through personal story
 - Share where you live and work in the congressional district
 - Discuss how radiation therapy is used to treat cancer patients in the congressional district
 - Explain how a surgeon, medical oncologist and radiation oncologist work together to treat cancer patients
- State the policy points and wait for response
- Take note of any questions and policy positions stated

After Advocacy Meeting

- Submit meeting report
(same day)
- Share experience on social media
(same day)
- Write thank you note/email
(1-5 days after)
- Send site visit request
(4-6 weeks after)